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PRODUCTION OF LONG PRODUCTS BY STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED (SAIL)
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) would augment its production of long products used in the construction work in future alongwith flat products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to make available the steel and other products in the village at par with the prices in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) plans to augment its production of Long Products [Thermo Mechanically Treated (TMT) Bars] used in construction work. The Expansion / Modernization Plan for TMT at various plants of SAIL upto 2010-11 is as under:
i) Installation of new Bar & Rod Mill of 0.7 million tonnes per annum capacity at Durgapur Steel Plant.
ii) Installation of new Wire Rod & Bar Mill of 0.45 million tonnes per annum capacity at IISCO Steel Plant.
iii) Enhancement of capacity of TMT Bar Mill of Bhilai Steel Plant to 0.655 million tonnes.

(c)&(d): SAIL is making all efforts to make steel easily available in the rural sector. In the current fiscal year, SAIL has entered the rural market in a significant manner.

To improve the availability in the rural sector, SAIL has plans to have a SAIL dealer in every district of India by the end of the current fiscal year 2007-08.

To expedite dispatch to the rural sector, SAIL has also made arrangement to transport materials to the dealers' premises free of cost through SAIL's own transport arrangement. While there is no administered pricing control mechanism for maintaining price parity between urban and other locations, including rural locations, SAIL is attempting to ensure through their free transportation system for District Dealers that landed cost of materials at urban and other (including rural) locations in that State are similar.